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/YB/	AG	2000-501214	02/02/2000	Japan		X	X
/YB/	AH	11-215175	08/06/1999	Japan		X	X
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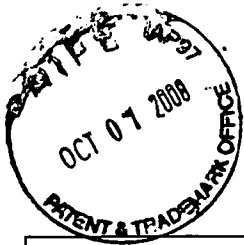
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❖ Reference AG (JP 2000-501214A) corresponds to Reference AA (US 5,761,485).



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LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS

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